



The School District of Volusia County  
 School Social Services  
 Attendance Planning Guide for Schools



Date: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Participants

Name/Title	Name/Title

*This guide is intended to assist schools in planning for the implementation of the attendance procedures. These questions follow Florida State Statute 1003.26 requirements and district procedure. Assigning staff to these duties will ensure that early interventions are initiated, the necessary documentation is completed, and built-in responsibilities for monitoring student attendance are in place.*

**Habitual Truancy Rate last year: \_\_\_\_\_%**      **Chronic Absenteeism Rate last year: \_\_\_\_\_%**  
**Attendance Rate last year: \_\_\_\_\_%**      **District Attendance Rate last year: 91.74%**

*The goal is to reduce the Chronic Absenteeism rate by 10% which would equal to \_\_\_\_\_%.*

PST Attendance Committee Members (Name/Title)	IEP Attendance Committee Members (Name/Title)

1. What attendance initiatives will you be implementing this year to promote school attendance? Is attendance a part of your SIP goals?
2. How will you communicate the attendance procedures to your staff? Does the social worker need to do a MTSS (PST) training regarding attendance?
3. What is your tardy to school procedure (i.e. all students check in at office, etc.)?
4. What is the procedure for teachers when they receive correspondence from parents regarding reasons for absences?

- 5. How are parents notified of the attendance policy 206 (i.e. communicating reason for all absences, communicating absences beyond expected quarantine dates, when to provide doctors notes, procedure for late/tardy check in, procedure for early check out)?**
- 6. Who is the school designee(s) responsible for minimizing the DNE (Did Not Enter) list? Who will be generating the DNE letters in FOCUS and adding log entries?**
- 7. Who is the backup registrar and attendance clerk?**
- 8. Beyond Volusia Connect calls, what other method(s) are used to communicate with parents regarding their child(ren)'s unexcused absences?**
- 9. Who is the designee responsible for printing and adding log entries for the Compulsory School Attendance Letters?**
- 10. Are the quarantine codes being entered in advance to date of expected return? How will you differentiate between using the J and K code in Focus (engaged vs. not engaged)? How will work be provided (i.e. packets, Canvas, Teams)?**
- 11. Who is the school designee responsible for printing out the daily mandatory check-in/out log? How is the administrative column being utilized for attendance reporting in FOCUS?**
- 12. Who is the designated contact person(s) for teachers with regard to attendance issues and procedures (ESE and general education students)?**
- 13. Who is the designee responsible for generating and monitoring the Compulsory Attendance Report (10 unexcused in 90 days) for scheduling MTSS (PST) Attendance meetings?**
- 14. Who is the designee(s) responsible for completing PST 5 "Request for Problem Solving Team Assistance" (for general education students)?**
- 15. How are parents being invited to attendance meetings? Who is the designee(s) responsible for generating and sending out the "Parent Invitation Letters" for an attendance meeting? If the parent responds they cannot attend on the specified date, what is the procedure?**
- 16. How are MTSS (PST) meetings being conducted (i.e. face to face or virtual)?**

- 17. How are ESE students with attendance concerns being addressed? How is it determined if the attendance is addressed at MTSS (PST) or via IEP Review meeting?**
  
- 18. Who is the designee(s) responsible for completing ESE Request for Assistance/Attendance form at the IEP Meeting?**
  
- 19. What is the process for monitoring interventions? If further intervention is needed, who is responsible for submitting the Attendance Referral packet for general ed or ESE students?**
  
- 20. Who is the designee responsible for reviewing the DHSMV reports on a daily basis in order to inform the clerk to input particular codes into FOCUS to transmit the student(s) name to DHSMV?**
  
- 21. Who is the designated person(s) responsible for completing the Exit Interview/Drop-out Survey for 16 to 17 year old students wishing to terminate school enrollment?**

**Needs for this school year:**